

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 95-1229-C and 97-164-C - ORDER NO. 2002-340

APRIL 25, 2002

IN RE: Docket No. 95-1229-C - Application of CRG) ORDER CANCELLING
International, Inc. d/b/a Network One for a) CERTIFICATES
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity)
to Provide Intrastate Resold Telecommunications)
Services in the State of South Carolina.)
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AND)
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Docket No. 97-164-C – Application of CRG)
International, Inc. d/b/a Network One for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity)
to Provide Local Exchange Telecommunications)
Services within the State of South Carolina.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) by way of a request from CRG International, Inc. d/b/a Network One (“Network One” or the “Company”) seeking cancellation of its Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold intrastate telecommunications services and local exchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina. The Commission granted Network One authority to operate as a reseller of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services by Order No. 96-224, dated March 8, 1996, issued in Docket No. 95-1229-C and authority to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services by Order No. 97-653, dated August 4, 1997, issued in Docket No. 97-164-C. Network One provides that a formal “Emergency Request” for the discontinuance of its operations was prepared; however, due to the

exigencies of this matter, Network One was unable to finalize the Emergency Request in time.¹

By letter dated April 17, 2002, counsel for Network One advised the Commission that the Company, effective April 18, 2002, was ceasing all of its local and interexchange resale operations, due to the lack of funds to continue operating. Network One states that the Company's lenders recently terminated its financing and therefore, Network One no longer has the necessary funds to continue operations, or to pay the underlying carriers whose services it resells.

According to Network One, the Company's customers were mailed notices of its discontinuance of services. The notices informed the customers that Network One's manager and billing agent, OneStar Communications, LLC, and its affiliate, OneStar Long Distance, Inc. (collectively, the "One Star Companies"), will maintain continuous, uninterrupted services to any Network One customer who requests them. The OneStar Companies are also the underlying carriers for the resold services by Network One, and the OneStar Companies have agreed to provide services to Network One customers on the same terms and conditions they are presently being provided and to waive any charges that might be associated with the migration of a Network One customer to OneStar. Network One states further that the notice of discontinuance of service informed the customers of their right to choose other carriers for local and/or interexchange services. A copy of both Network One's and OneStar's notice of Network One's services being ceased was attached to Network One's request for discontinuance of services.

¹ Network One is authorized to provide competitive local exchange and long distance services in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. In the majority of the states (all but 14), it has fewer than 100 customers; in 22 states, it has fewer than 10 customers (including three states in which it has no customers).

Additionally, Network One attached to its request for discontinuance, a copy of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (the "WV PSC") staff's Memorandum as Exhibit One, indicating the WV PSC's support of a proposal similar to the one described above.

Network One respectfully submits that, due to the exigent circumstances, the procedure which the Company has followed, and which it requests the Commission to accept, presents the best available solution to ensure that no customer suffers even a temporary loss of services. In order to ensure that consumers are not inconvenienced by Network One's inability to continue operating, Network One states that the OneStar Companies and Network One have cooperatively taken steps to ensure that Network One's customers can migrate seamlessly to the networks of Network One's underlying carriers, if the customers so desire. Further, Network One submits that the avoidance of service disruption to consumers serves the public interest.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds and concludes that the request of Network One to cancel its Certificates should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a reseller of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina granted to CRG International, Inc. d/b/a Network One by Order No. 96-224, dated March 8, 1996, issued in Docket No. 95-1229-C is hereby cancelled, and the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold and facilities-based

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local exchange telecommunications services granted to CRG International, Inc. by Order No. 97-653, dated August 4, 1997, issued in Docket No. 97-164-C is hereby cancelled.


2. Interexchange customers who do not choose a new carrier may be migrated to OneStar Long Distance, Inc.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)